

**Planning Department goals for calendar year 2006/
accomplishments in 2005:**

Current projects that will continue into 2006:

- Complete update of Comprehensive Plan/Long Range Transportation Plan
- Complete review of City's lighting standards and process appropriate amendments
- Develop and adopt new standards for collector streets
- Support Mayor's Event Facilities Task Force activities
- Conduct historic survey work in Eastridge and Country Club areas and in county
- Assist Urban Development on various redevelopment plans and policies
- Enable/require submission and review of digital plats and plans
- Assist Planning Commission's downzoning committee develop recommendations for new procedures and standards
- Assist joint Planning Commission/Health Board committee develop recommendations regarding land use relationships to promote active living and protect against environmental hazards

New projects to be initiated in 2006 (some of which were postponed from 2005):

- Assist Startran in comprehensive review of transit system
- Assist Public Works in developing a new MPO Operations Plan
- Initiate review/rewrite of City's sign provisions
- Pursue state enabling legislation and local zoning amendments to allow limited transfer of development rights program outside city limits
- Refine draft design guidelines and incorporate into appropriate ordinances for expanded design review in the downtown
- Provide more flexibility for Board of Zoning Appeals approvals by expanding "exception" provisions
- Assist Public Works in implementing bikelane improvements in downtown
- Provide technical assistance to candidates for new state preservation incentive program
- Develop internet access by applicants to Permits Plus information
- Expand Urban Design Committee responsibilities
- Initiate development of Antelope Valley overlay ordinance
- Develop "interpretations and opinions" and "needed amendments" notebooks on codes
- Implement recommendations from Zuckersystems report: improve customer relations, formalize training for new planners and Planning Commissioners, improve decision-making process, offer online application submission, etc.
- Manage the hiring and work of the new City-County GIS Coordinator

Annual continuing tasks:

- Provide thoughtful, accurate, timely review of development applications
- Provide good information and advice to the general public on planning/development inquiries
- Coordinate preparation of the new 6-year Capital Improvement Program
(no Indicators report in 2006)

Accomplishments in 2005:

- Coordinated development and adoption of new downtown master plan

- Amended Subdivision Ordinance to streamline subdivision review, reduce bonding cost for public improvements, and provide fee option to bonding certain improvements
- Amended County Subdivision Resolution to allow streamlined approval of small cluster subdivisions and delegate final plat approval to the Planning Director
- Obtained Planning Commission approval of code amendments to: improve standards for landscaping/screening and pedestrian circulation, authorize administrative approval of waivers, and reduce front yard setbacks for buildings and signs in newer commercial and industrial zoning districts
- Coordinated GIS master plan and data/technology migration plan with consultants and other city and county departments
- Completed third annual review of Comprehensive Plan, including new Benchmark Indicators report, along with processing of proposed amendments and development of new 6-year Capital Improvement Program
- Updated Future Service Limits and Land Use Forecast for the Comp Plan/LRTP update
- Processed amendments to Zoning Ordinance on group homes as recommended by Mayor's Group Homes Task Force
- Participated in developing smart mortgage program for buyers of homes near public transit
- Launched Workflow application in Permits Plus to improve monitoring of development review process